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Unitary shipments set records -----

December up 19.2%, year up 11.2%

ARLINGTON, Va. -- U.S. shipments of unitary air conditioners and heat pumps in December set an 18th straight monthly record, up 19.2 percent from December 1986, and a new annual record, 11.2 percent better than the previous 1986 record year, according to ARI statistics.

Heat pump shipments also set a new December record -- up 24.1 percent from December 1986 and 17.9 percent more than the previous December 1985 record -- and a new annual record, 3.9 percent higher than the previous 1986 record. U.S. shipments of unitary air conditioners and heat pumps during December:

- o totalled 260,643,
- o up 19.2% from December 1986,
- o 1987 record total 3,955,064,
- o up 11.2% from January-December 1986.

Heat pump shipments included in the December figures:

- o totalled 82,135,
- o up 24.1% from December 1986,
- o 1987 record total 918,432,
- o up 3.9% from January-December 1986.

December factory stocks:

- o up 55,666 units from November,
- o up 116,407 units from December 1986.

December distributor shipments:

- o up 21% from December 1986,
- o 1987 total shipments up 10%.

December distributor inventories:

- o down 16,364 units from November,
- o up 114,392 units from December 1986.

December U.S. dollar bookings of reciprocating liquid chillers:

- o down 2% from December 1986,
- o 1987 total down 2%.

December U.S. dollar bookings of large tonnage liquid chillers:

- o up 7% from December 1986,
- o 1987 total down 3%.

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Unitary Heating and Cooling Section's Condensed
 Summary by Size of United States Manufacturers'
 Shipments

Date DECEMBER, 1987

	SIZE BTUH (000)		UNITED STATES									
					NUMBER OF UNITS						U.S. TOTAL C	% CHG FROM 1986
			CONDENSER-TYPE									
			AIR OR EVAP. COOLED A	WATER COOLED B								
CONDENSED SUMMARY BY SIZE	Under 16.5		2907		2907	35.3-						
	16.5-21.9		26774		26774	12.7+						
	22-26.9		51296		51296	13.1+						
	27-32.9		46233		46233	18.1+						
	33-38.9		60622	34	60656	35.6+						
	39-43.9		19059		19059	17.5+						
	44-53.9		20608		20608	10.4+						
	54-64.9		20376	86	20462	25.9+						
	65-96.9		4658	69	4727	33.8+						
	97-134.9		3733	45	3778	26.1+						
	135-184.9		2038	28	2066	20.0+						
	185-249.9		775	16	791	10.9+						
	250-319.9		409	22	431	23.9+						
	320-379.9		231	19	250	6.4+						
	380-539.9		190	32	222	16.2-						
	540-639.9		111	14	125	15.5-						
	640 and over		233	25	258	70.9+						
	TOTAL		2602 53	390	2606 43	19.2+						

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